

HOUSE RESOLUTION 270

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A RESOLUTION to urge the State of Tennessee to provide adequate funding for technology in public education in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, students in the State of Tennessee are under more and more pressure to be “knowledge workers” and to obtain research and information from the Internet; and

WHEREAS, instructional tools and research facilities increasingly require additional technology funding; and

WHEREAS, the economy of this state is growing in areas of technology; and

WHEREAS, the financial burden on school districts to fund technology is in excess of operating budgets; and

WHEREAS, allocated money received through grants, general and capital improvement funds, and e-rate reimbursements are insufficient for keeping pace with rising student enrollment and the surging costs of technology; and

WHEREAS, developing a comprehensive strategy to fund technology will allow school districts to meet the challenges of preparing students for the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to the success of this state’s children, its economy, and the total welfare of its people that technology in the public schools is adequately funded by state government and that this most important issue is addressed by this General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that this General Assembly expresses its unwavering support for an increase in funding for technology in public education in primary and secondary schools in the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we hereby urge and encourage the Governor to include such an earmarked appropriation within the administration's General Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2006-2007.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Phil Bredesen, Governor of Tennessee, and to the Commissioners of the Department of Finance and Administration and the Department of Education.